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## FINANCIAL SERVICES REPUBLICAN MORNING CLIPS 10.21.2009

Wall Street Journal: "BOE's King: Big Banks Should Get Broken Up ... Bank of England governor Mervyn King, saying new regulations won't prevent failures of big banks, made a strong call for the breaking up of some of the world's biggest financial firms, a view that takes on increasing significance because he is likely to gain new regulatory powers in the next year."

Wall Street Journal: "Fed Chooses Staff Economist as Head of Bank Supervision ... The Federal Reserve on Tuesday named Patrick Parkinson, a longtime staff economist, to head bank supervision and regulation."

Wall Street Journal: "When Bad Luck Is a Crime ... When it comes to cheering CEOs, booing them or throwing them in jail, a consideration that ought to be nagging is whether we're reacting to luck or design."

Washington Post: "This is the bust in the boomtown that banks built ... A monument to the financial crisis is rising amid this city's thicket of skyscrapers: a gleaming, glass-walled trophy tower that was intended as a fitting headquarters for Wachovia's national banking empire."

Washington Post: "Documents raise skepticism on Hill about Bank of America ... Congressional investigators think that reams of internal documents turned over by Bank of America last Friday show that its executives were alarmed by mounting losses at Merrill Lynch well before shareholders voted to approve the merger, according to sources familiar with the matter."

NY Times: "Volcker Fails to Sell a Bank Strategy ... Listen to a top economist in the Obama administration describe Paul A. Volcker, the former Federal Reserve chairman who endorsed Mr. Obama early in his election campaign and who stood by his side during the financial crisis."

LA Times: "Feared flood of foreclosures in California may be averted ... Signs are emerging that a much-feared escalation of California home foreclosures may not happen, as banks respond to government pressure and scale back their repossessions of troubled properties."

USA Today: "Watchdog excoriates execution of TARP ... A Treasury Department watchdog is warning that a key \$700 billion bailout program has damaged the government's credibility, won't earn taxpayers all their money back and has done little to change a culture of recklessness on Wall Street."

The Washington Times: "TARP watchdog: Full repayment 'unlikely' ... The auto industry, AIG and other struggling recipients of the government's \$700 billion Wall Street bailout will make it "extremely unlikely" that taxpayers will receive a full return on their investments, says a new report by the Treasury Department's independent watchdog."

Reuters: "Geithner says core TARP programs ending ... The Obama administration will shutter programs at the heart of a \$700 billion financial bailout but remains focused on supporting a fledgling economic recovery, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said on Tuesday."

Bloomberg: "Fed Names Supervision Chief Who Aided Treasury Regulatory Plan ... The Federal Reserve named Patrick Parkinson to lead bank supervision, promoting a financial- markets specialist who helped craft the U.S. Treasury Department's plan to overhaul the industry's regulatory system."

Politico: "Industries covet CFPB exemptions ... Lawmakers are more than happy to bash Wall Street, but they continue to carve out special exceptions for hometown industries seeking to escape the reach of a new watchdog for consumer financial products."